

ABSTRACT

An information recording apparatus divides a data area into a plurality of partial areas (UDA1, UDA2) (step 303),
5 and sets defect management information including a defect management scheme for each partial area (step 305). Then, UDA1 is set to be an area where defect management is not performed and UDA2 is set to be an area where defect management is performed so that continuity of data is
10 maintained for information recorded on the UDA1 and reliability of data is maintained for information recorded on the UDA2. Thus, it becomes possible to properly record a plurality of pieces of data whose usage and characteristics are different each other on a same information recording
15 medium.